Minutes of Regular Meeting # 742 Held in the Lake Elmo City Council Chambers
Thursday, January 12, 2006

MANAGERS PRESENT: Dave Bucheck, President; Lincoln Fetcher, Vice President; Don Scheel, Secretary; and Dale Borash, Treasurer;

MANAGERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: John Hanson, Barr Engineering; Ray Marshall, Attorney; Ray Roemmich, Inspector; Karen Schultz, Recording Secretary;

STAFF ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Jay Riggs, Andrea Wedul, Jyneen Thatcher, Washington Conservation District; Chuck Taylor and Doc Swanson, Citizens Advisory Committee; Steve Anderson and Randy Morgan, Washington County Agriculture Society

CALL TO ORDER President Bucheck called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS There were no announcements.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES After discussion of the minutes of the December 8, 2005 meeting, motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried unanimously.

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS No items were added to the agenda.

PUBLIC FORUM There was no discussion in the Public Forum segment of the meeting.

SECRETARY=’S REPORT Secretary Scheel reported that he had distributed the mail.

INSPECTOR=’S REPORT Inspector Roemmich said there has been no activity since the last meeting.

ATTORNEY=’S REPORT Attorney Marshall said he had the Managers= Oaths of Office to sign later in the meeting.

TREASURER=’S REPORT The Treasurer=’s Report will be made at the second meeting of the month.

WASHINGTON CONSERVATION DISTRICT Water Resources Educator Jay Riggs reported that there are now $61,000 allocated to the Water Resources Educator position, which is enough to proceed with the drafting of a job description. He said he will provide the managers with a draft for their review.

Real-Time Monitoring of Valley Creek WOMP Station Jay reported that there is a an opportunity to upgrade two of the WOMP Stations in Washington County, including the one on Valley Creek through the USGS (United States Geological Survey) and its cost share program. He told the managers that a USGS representative will be in touch with the managers to discuss the cost of the local match by the watershed district.

Grant Opportunities Jay reported that there are four Grants available for watershed districts to make application for funds. The deadlines for applying are in February and March 2006. The available Grants all concern environmental issues. The Washington Conservation District is planning to apply for funds to
subsidize the cost of materials for the shared Water Resource Educator position. Jay asked the managers to consider applying for the Grants.

**Land Cover Mapping** Andrea Wedul distributed copies of AAn Overview of the Minnesota Land Cover Mapping System (MLCCS) in Washington County. She discussed the paper and explained the coverage of Washington County up until now by the MLCCS. Funds are needed from watershed districts and municipalities to complete the mapping effort of Washington County. The VBWD share of the cost is $25,000. The managers discussed the need for the wetland inventory to be completed. This could be accomplished along with the land cover mapping. Andreas said she will prepare the cost estimate for the wetland inventory, and will present it to the managers at the next meeting.

**ENGINEER=S REPORT Permit Request: Exhibit Building AD® at Washington County Fairgrounds, Baytown Township** Secretary Scheel dismissed himself from the discussion.

This permit request was discussed at the December 8th meeting and tabled because it was unclear if the Agriculture Society found the plan acceptable. At this meeting, Steve Anderson, with the Washington County Agriculture Society, was present to discuss the plan with the managers.

After discussion of the project with Steve Anderson, **motion** was made by Johnson and seconded by Borash to approve Permit 2005-28 with the engineer=s site-specific conditions and standard conditions, except for two conditions concerning the easement and the cash surety. Motion carried unanimously.

**Stabilizing Valley Creek on the Tom Johnson Property** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a memorandum dated January 3, 2006 regarding the Valley Creek Stabilization. Listed in the memorandum were four options to consider in the stabilization. Engineer Hanson said that he has discussed the options with Tom Johnson, but Mr. Johnson does not agree with any of the options. In the memorandum, Engineer Hanson suggested that the managers discuss the situation and possibly meet with Mr. Johnson. Secretary Scheel said he will try to contact Mr. Johnson by telephone while he is out of state for six weeks.

**Letter of Credit Reduction Requests - Oakdale Marketplace and Tapestry at Charlotte=s Grove, Lake Elmo** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers two draft letters regarding the above-mentioned letters of credit requests. After the managers discussed the contents of the letters, **motion** was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to grant the requests for reductions in the Letters of Credit in Permit 2004-17 and Permit 2004-26, as recommended by Inspector Roemnich and Engineer Hanson. Motion carried unanimously. The managers directed Engineer Hanson to mail the letters.

**Woodbury Northeast Regional Lift Station L-77 and Lake Elmo East Connection EAW** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a draft letter dated January 15, 2006 addressed to the project manager of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency commenting on the EAW for Woodbury Northeast Regional Lift Station L-77 and Lake Elmo East Connection. In his draft letter commenting on the project, Engineer Hanson commented that the VBWD is concerned about the possible negative effects to water resources that the project will enable. The managers approved the draft letter and directed Engineer Hanson to mail the letter.

**Draft 2006 Impaired Waters List** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a draft copy of a letter to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency dated December 21, 2005, regarding Downs Lake and McDonald Lake, on the Impaired Waters List. In the letter, Engineer Hanson requested that the two lakes be removed from the impaired waters list because they are open-water wetlands instead of lakes. The managers agreed with the letter, and directed Engineer Hanson to mail the letter to Howard Markus, Ph.D., at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

**2006 Lake Water Quality Monitoring** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers a table of the minimum recommended water quality monitoring program for 2005-2015, from the VBWD Watershed Management Plan. Each year the Metropolitan Council requests that VBWD ask residents to volunteer to monitor certain
lakes in the District. Engineer Hanson asked the managers how they would like to conduct the volunteer search. Last year, a newsletter was sent to residents adjacent to lakes, but only one volunteer was found through requests for volunteers in the newsletter. The Washington Conservation District (WCD) could conduct the sampling if volunteers are not found, and Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers the WCD costs for lake sampling. After discussion, the managers directed Engineer Hanson to make phone calls to residents, concerning the issue.

**2005-2015 Watershed Management Plan** At the last meeting, Engineer Hanson was directed to prepare some draft versions of the cover for the 2005-2015 Watershed Management Plan for the managers to view. At this meeting, the managers agreed on one of the covers, but with some changes made to it. Motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Borash to select cover A# 2", to place the District logo on the front cover, and to change the picture on the binding part of the cover. Motion carried unanimously.

**Dam Inspections** Engineer Hanson reported that the inspections of the Rest Area Pond Dam and the Eagle Point Lake Dam found nothing significant that needs maintenance. He had mailed to the managers copies of the inspection reports.

**Miscellaneous Correspondence Dancing Waters Sink Hole** Engineer Hanson had mailed to the managers copies of a letter from the Department of Health to the City of Woodbury concerning the stormwater basin failure at the Dancing Waters Lake development. At the October meeting, the managers asked Engineer Hanson to keep the managers informed of the problem of the sinkhole that had formed after the heavy rainstorm on October 5th.

Engineer Hanson had also mailed the managers a copy of an article from the Pioneer Press regarding a potential fly ash landfill in Barton Pit over Project 1007.

**MANAGERS= REPORT Next Meeting - January 26, 2006** The managers expect to have a quorum present at the next meeting. Secretary Scheel will not be in attendance. He will be out of state until the second meeting in March. Treasurer Borash said he may not be at the next meeting.

**Silver Lake Aquatic Plant Management** Vice President Fetcher reported on a recent meeting of the Silver Lake Improvement Association. He said that the residents of Silver Lake are going to find out the percentage of public and privately owned land around the lake. The residents feel that at least 15% of the lakeshore owners have treated their area for aquatic plants. Vice President Fetcher will keep the managers informed on the issue.

**Lake Elmo Eurasian Watermilfoil** President Bucheck said the editor of the Lake Elmo Leader newspaper contacted him concerning the issue of Eurasian Watermilfoil in Lake Elmo. He said he explained to her what Eurasian watermilfoil is, and that Lake Elmo is a very deep lake, making it less possible for the weed to grow. He said an article is to appear in the near future about the issue.

**Sunnybrook Lake** The managers briefly discussed the November 22, 2005 letter they had received from the City of Grant. Engineer Hanson said he received a call from the newly appointed liaison between the City of Grant and VBWD.

**2005 Pond Inventory** President Bucheck said he has read the report on the 2005 Pond Inventory, and he feels that it was a good report. He directed the engineer to execute the recommendations, including continuing to inventory the ponds in 2006.

**Organization of Officers for 2006; Selection of Newspaper and Bank** Lincoln Fetcher was nominated for President; Dave Bucheck was nominated for Vice President; Don Scheel was nominated for Secretary; Dale Borash was nominated for Treasurer. Motion was made and seconded to approve the slate of officers as
nominated for 2006 as follows: President - Lincoln Fetcher; Vice President - Dave Bucheck; Treasurer - Dale Borash; Secretary - Don Scheel. Motion carried unanimously.

Official Newspaper and Bank Motion was made by Borash and seconded by Scheel to designate the Lillie Suburban Newspapers as the District=s legal newspaper for the year 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Scheel and seconded by Fetcher to designate the Lake Elmo Bank as the official Bank for the Valley Branch Watershed District for the year 2006. Motion carried unanimously.

Oaths of Office Signed The newly appointed officers signed the Oaths of Office provided by Attorney Marshall.

ADJOURNMENT Motion made by Borash and seconded by Scheel at 9:53 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Don Scheel, Secretary

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Minutes Approved by Managers 01/26/06